



MEMORANDUM

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 7 (A)

TO: Honorable Chairperson Dorrin Rolle
and Members of the Economic
Development and Human Services Committee

DATE: February 11, 2004

FROM: *Kay M. Sullivan*
Kay M. Sullivan, Director
Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Approval of Commission
Committee Minutes

The following Clerk's Summary of Minutes are submitted for approval by the Economic Development and Human Services Committee:

September 10, 2003

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Attachment: Minutes for EDHSC, 9/10/03



CLERK'S SUMMARY OF

Meeting Minutes

Economic Development and Human Services Committee

Dorrin D. Rolle (2), Chairperson; Rebeca Sosa (6), Vice Chairperson; Commissioners
Bruno A. Barreiro (5), Jimmy L. Morales (7), Natacha Seijas (13), and Katy Sorenson
(8)

FINAL

Wednesday, September 10, 2003

2:30 PM

COMMISSION CHAMBERS

Members Present: Jimmy L. Morales, Dorrin D. Rolle, Katy Sorenson, Rebeca Sosa.

Members Absent: Natacha Seijas.

Members Late: Bruno A. Barreiro.

Members Excused: None.

1A **INVOCATION**

1B **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

1C **ROLL CALL**

Report: *In addition to the members of the Committee present at today's meeting, there was also present the following staff support: Assistant County Attorney Jess McCarty, Assistant County Managers Tony Crapp and Barbara Jordan, and Deputy Clerk Flora Real.*

1D **CITIZEN'S PRESENTATION**

1D1 032007 Citizen's Presentation Dorrin D. Rolle

PRESENTATION BY MS. ALEXANDRIA DOUGLAS,
ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN SERVICES EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR REGARDING SOCIAL SERVICE FUNDING
PRIORITIES

Presented

Report: *Ms. Alexandria Douglas, Executive Director for the Alliance for Human Services (The Alliance), appeared before the Committee to request that the funding allocation be increased to \$22 million as requested by them. She noted that the County Manager had included in the proposed FY2003-04 budget a funding recommendation for an additional \$2 million over the \$13.3 million currently allocated with an additional \$2 million recommended by the Mayor.*

Ms. Douglas advised that the funding allocation would be fully utilized for programs and services inasmuch as each Board member had committed to support with cash and/or in-kind services the work of The Alliance. She noted that Miami-Dade County also provided financial assistance through an agreement with the Empowerment Trust for a portion of the administrative expenses incurred.

Ms. Douglas noted that The Alliance had started with \$10.4 million prior to issuing the Request For Proposal (RFP) for the County in 2001, and the agency had received funding requests exceeding \$36 million.

Ms. Douglas noted that The Alliance had an 8% set aside policy for small community-based organizations, and its Board had reaffirmed the commitment to maintain the 8% set aside for groups whose budgets were under \$300,000 a year and able to submit a mini RFP to compete for those funds.

In response to Commissioner Sosa's inquiry, Ms. Douglas explained that the proposal included a provision to allocate 25% of any expansion funds awarded to the Criminal Justice System to a community-based transition program for ex-offenders reintegrating to the community from the juvenile and adult populations to include academic, vocational support, and after care services.

In response to Commissioner Rolle's inquiry, Ms. Douglas reviewed The Alliance's

strategies to meet their objectives and goals. She noted that the notice of "Funding Availability" would be released November 3, 2003, with a major event scheduled for November 9, 2003, at the Hyatt to include three workshops for not-for-profit organizations to assist in grant writing, budgeting, outcomes, and evaluation. She noted that a special tutorial session would be conducted on revenue maximization for those agencies with an administrative infrastructure able to prepare billing.

Ms. Douglas advised that the grant period would commence on July 1, 2004; and The Alliance would request proposals before the November 27, 2003, in order to prepare the funding recommendations by Christmas of 2003. She advised that the appeal hearings would be held during the first two weeks in January 2004 with contract negotiations being scheduled from February 2004 until May 2004.

The following persons appeared before the Committee in support of The Alliance's request for additional funding:

1. Ms. Maria Dominguez, representing the Center for Independent Living
2. Reverend Linda Friedman, Member of the Alliance for Human Services and representing Hunger and Poverty
3. Ms. Barbara Garrett, Senior Vice President of Applicant Incorporated and Member of the Board of Governors of the Greater Miami Chamber, the Board of Governors of the United Way, and the Board of the Alliance for Human Services
4. Ms. Susan Reyna, Director of Mujer
5. Mr. Will Blackman retired physician and Vice Chair of the Children's Trust
6. Ms. Liliam Lopez, President and Chief Executive Officer of the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
7. Dr. Elly DuPre, Director for Adult Services, Miami Lighthouse For The Blind and Visually Impaired
8. Mr. Neill Robinson, President and Chief Executive Officer for Jobs for Miami
9. Ms. Althea McMillan, Founding President of Abstinence Education Program
10. Ms. Maria Rodriguez, representing the Center for Independent Living in South Florida

The following persons appeared before the

Committee to request that a pool of funds be set aside to provide funding to grassroots organizations:

- 1. Ms. Tangela Sears*
- 2. Reverend Jerome Starling*
- 3. Mr. Irby McKnight*
- 4. Ms. Teresa LeFlore*
- 5. Mr. Brian Dennis, President of
Brothers of the Same Man*
- 6. Mr. David Chiverton, Chief
Executive Officer for Focal Foundation of
Community Assistance and Leadership*
- 7. Ms. Aude Sicard, President of
Women Alliance of Miami Dade and Broward, Inc.*
- 8. Mr. John Delgado, President and
Program Director of the Community-Jail Linkage
Coalition*

Mr. Irby McKnight volunteered to meet with members of the Committee to further discuss any of the issues.

Commissioner Sosa commended Commissioner Rolle in his leadership. She noted that there was a great need to provide funding to grassroots organizations.

In a closing statement, Commissioner Rolle noted that as Chairman of the Committee he would make every effort to find a resolution to those issues which could be resolved.

Commissioner Rolle asked that Ms. Jordan take note of the concerns expressed at today's meeting in order to review and resolve those issues which could be resolved by the Committee this fiscal year.

2 OPEN DISCUSSION

3 ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.*

ALEXANDRIA DOUGLAS - SOCIAL SERVICE FUNDING PRIORITIES

Economic Development and Human Services Committee

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